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TITLE: CARGO DECK FOR RECEIVING A LOAD IN THE CARGO

COMPARTMENT OF AN AIRCRAFT

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In conjunction with the filing of the present application, and prior to an initial Official Action on this matter, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Please note that the following amendments apply to the attached specification and claims labeled for U.S. filing. This combined application incorporates the original application and any annex to the International Application in the proper order, including the correct original and substitute pages, claims and drawing sheets.

## Preliminary Amendment: SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

In Paragraph [0001], please amend the paragraphs as follows.

[0001] The invention relates to a cargo deck for receiving a load in the cargo compartment of an aircraft, according to the precharacterizing clause of Claim 1.

In Paragraph [0006] to [0008], please amend the paragraphs as follows.